## Montana Department of Agriculture

## **Bio-Product Innovation Centers**

Outreach centers providing technical assistance and training to existing businesses and entrepreneurs evaluating new business opportunities in bio-product and value-added agriculture businesses.

- Bear Paw Development North Central MT
- Beartooth RC&D South Eastern MT
- Great Northern Development North Eastern MT
- Lake County Community Development Region wide resource
- Snowy Mountain Development Central MT
- Eastern Plains RC&D Eastern MT







## Centers provide training, coaching & TA

- Feasibility Studies
- Business Plans
- Market Research
- Marketing, Operating & Strategic Plans
- Job Descriptions
- Developing training programs for employees
- Training on industry dynamics and technology specific to bio-product industries

## • Impacts (As of January 31, 2008)

- Total of 44 clients served
- Total of 267 participants at trainings conducted
- More than \$4,100,000 in leveraged funding
- More than 30 full-time equivalent jobs impacted

